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Colleen Ransom is seen with a picture of her daughter Emma, who died in a 2009 car crash. Earlier this month, suspected car prowlers snatched the green pouch, seen here in Colleen's hand, that contained Emma's ashes, and dumped it out. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Student's ashes thrown out by prowlers: Cops

Renewed pain.
Grieving mother, police issue public plea



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Car prowlers on the hunt for loose change and other valuables have taken something from a grieving Calgary mother that money can't buy.

Colleen Ransom had kept her daughter Emma's ashes in her white pickup truck since shortly after the 19-year-old SAIT student and three friends were killed in a November 2009 car crash near Nanton.

On Aug. 2, several vehicles were broken into

on Colleen's street at 10th and Lake Wapta Rise S.E. and someone removed a green pouch with Emma's remains inside and emptied it onto the rain-soaked street.

Colleen was only able to salvage a few ashes and came forward Tuesday pleading with the public to help police nab the burglars responsible.

"Who would do that?" she said. "Who would take the ashes and dump them.... It's a violation."

Also stolen was a green rain jacket that belonged to Emma.

Police are looking to speak with three females between the ages of 14 and 17 spotted in the neighbourhood around the time of the break-ins.

"It's hard for me to

even imagine suffering the loss of a daughter and, of course, to have this happen," said acting Staff Sgt. Lee Stanton.

"And now unfortunately our victim has been victimized once again and we're looking for the public's help to find those responsible for that."

Neighbour Garrett Smith said most of the neighbours he's spoken to said the thieves only took change out of the vehicles and ignored higher-value electronics and other items.

Colleen, meanwhile, says she may now keep Emma's remaining ashes in her purse.

"It never goes away anyway," she said of the pain that comes with her loss. "She's always there.... I think about her constantly."



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Fare is fair. Limo company owner pitches zone-based fares

Weekend partiers planning to ride in style should pay a rate that differs with the distance they travel, says a Calgary limo company owner, who believes his pitch will also go a long way towards alleviating the city's cab crunch.

Currently, city bylaws require limo customers to pay a minimum one-hour flat rate of \$78.30, a move designed to prevent the luxury vehicles from undercutting standard taxis.

But Cam Naghshineh, general manager of Allied Limousine, will go before the Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee Friday with a proposal to adopt a zone-based system instead that sees customers pay anywhere from \$19 to \$109.

A ride from Calgary's northeast airport to the city's deep southeast, for example, will cost you \$100, but driving up and down a few blocks near the Pengrowth Saddledome would only come with a \$27 charge.

"This will bring much needed help that is affordable on Friday and Saturday nights without flooding slow times during the day by adding more taxis," he said.

Similar models are utilized in London, Ont. and Seattle, but not everyone is sold.

"I'm pretty sure with certain trips it would actually be cheaper than taking a taxi," said Len Bellingham, Mayfair Taxi owner.

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Lacey Manion, inset, was killed on 42 Street S.E. Monday by this 2013 Chevrolet Camaro allegedly driven by her boyfriend, who is now charged with manslaughter. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

Man charged in girlfriend's death

Manslaughter. Victim was run down shortly after getting out of rental car, police say

Lacey Manion's family was hoping the 33-year-old mother of three would return home to Kamloops, B.C., but not like this.

"She missed home quite a bit," Manion's father Robert Manion said Tuesday, a day after she was crushed by a car in Calgary, allegedly at the hands of her boyfriend of six months.

Manion's mother had to travel to Calgary to bring home her daughter's remains. The family is planning a memorial

service this week.

"We're all shook up," Robert Manion said. "It's like hour-by-hour right now, not day-by-day. One hour at a time. We're just totally shocked."

He said his daughter moved to Calgary about nine years ago with her two sons, who are now teenagers, and she had a one-year-old daughter here.

Lacey Manion's time in Alberta was a troubled one, according to past police reports. She was arrested in Calgary in 2011 in connection with numerous thefts. In May, she was one of four people charged by Medicine Hat police in an alleged fraud ring.

Another one of those four was Kristoffer Del Campo, 30, whom Calgary police say began

Haunting words

"Take it from my experience. Always make sure that the last thing you say to your friends & family is 'I love you!' Because you never know when it will be the last time you get to speak to them!" Lacey Manion's Facebook post, July 9

a relationship with Manion in February. He now faces a charge of manslaughter in her death, after allegedly driving over her in south Calgary on Monday.

Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus said that charge could be upgraded as the investigation continues, and additional charges are possible.

"We're still seeking assistance from the public and any witnesses," Andrus said.

Robert Manion said his

daughter had been planning to move back to Kamloops, but her plans seemed to have change after she met her new boyfriend.

"We told her she could move back home with us here," he said. "But she got hooked up with that guy, and that seemed to slow everything down."

Del Campo remains in custody and is set to appear in court Wednesday.

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School hiring fundraising 'pro' to find \$3 million for upgrades

Growing school. With 560 students expected in fall, principal says old gym is too small



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Forget bake sales and bottle drives: Parents and educators just west of Calgary have taken to hiring a "professional fundraiser," with the goal of finding \$3 million for a new gymnasium and other school upgrades the province won't pay for.

"We're taking it on ourselves because there's pretty much no funding that's going to come," said Melanie Spagrud, treasurer of the Springbank Middle School council.

Rocky View School Division amended its policies this year to enable the large-scale fundraising to take place, as well as to allow possible donors to secure naming rights for school buildings.

"The way things are right now provincially, we have the onus to try whatever we can to make things better for our

Aiming high

- Springbank Middle School hopes to raise \$3 million to build a new gym that meets proper basketball and volleyball standards, refurbish its old gym and upgrade its aging playground.

- Principal Dan Hoch said the facilities would serve the entire community as well as other schools in the area.

kids," trustee Helen Clease said. "We can't always stand there hoping the government funds everything."

Clease said the division put up a small amount of seed money for the fundraising effort, but otherwise got out of the way and let the school, parents and local community take the reins.

"Schools do it all the time for playgrounds," she said. "Parents are used to raising \$150,000 to \$200,000. That's been part of what they've had to do. So I would say this is the next step."

A tender for the profes-

sional fundraiser closed this week, and school principal Dan Hoch said three bids were received.

He believes this marks the largest fundraising effort by a public school in Alberta to date.

"From my understanding — and certainly within Rocky View Schools — this has not been done," he said.

Hoch said the community took its cues from comments Education Minister Jeff Johnson made this year, suggesting schools start looking at alternative sources of funding.

Alberta Education spokesperson Camille Weleschuk said the province supports the effort.

"We encourage partnerships between school jurisdictions and communities and really applaud these groups for their efforts in enhancing their neighbourhood schools," she said.

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Springbank Middle School is undertaking what its principal believes is the largest grassroots fundraising effort by a public school in the province. COURTESY MELANIE SPAGRUD

Bow Valley offering disability-studies program



Linda Sunderland says she's pleased Bow Valley College is adding a community-support diploma program to its course roster. METRO FILE

Students denied entrance to a suspended disability-studies program at Mount Royal University may not have to travel far to find a similar offering.

Bow Valley College has announced it will reinstate a disability and community-support program in January that the school had suspended due to low enrolment.

On paper, the program appears similar to the one suspended at Mount Royal in the spring as part of measures to combat a \$14-million funding shortfall stemming from low-

er-than-expected provincial grants.

But when asked if Bow Valley's program addition — the only one the school is making in the foreseeable future — was a direct result of Mount Royal's decision, a spokesperson said it would be "inappropriate" to comment. School president Sharon Carry declined an interview request.

But she did address the program in a video to staff posted online last month.

"This (program) is something Calgary desperately

Funding gap

9%

In the March provincial budget, Mount Royal University saw its overall provincial funding cut by nine per cent.

needs and, as you're probably aware, has been discontinued at the only other institution that offered it," Carry says in the video.

Word of Bow Valley's plans gave hope to parent Linda

Sunderland, who has an adopted 11-year-old son and went public with criticism of Mount Royal's suspension decision in the spring.

"If the program is the same or similar, with a family-focused basis, I don't care where they hold it," she said.

Bow Valley is currently recruiting for its disability and community-support program and has yet to determine how many students will be enrolled, a spokesperson said on Tuesday.

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Roommates set out on 'Buy Nothing Year' experiment

Less is more.

'I realized these things don't make me any happier,' Szuszkiewicz says of the 'stuff' he has already accumulated



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Two Calgarians are taking the "Buy Nothing Day" concept and multiplying it by 365.

Roommates Geoff Szuszkiewicz and Juile Phillips set out on a "Buy Nothing Year" Aug. 3, an undertaking they plan to continue until the same date in 2014, when Szuszkiewicz turns 31.

As part this "life experiment," the pair have im-

mediately given up spending money on household and personal items — including things like cleaning products and clothes — and they plan to eventually ramp it up to a point where they pay for nearly nothing.

"In three months we're going to discontinue purchasing of services — that means we're not going to be buying haircuts, eating out any more or paying for transportation," Szuszkiewicz explained.

They already have a head start on that phase, however, as Phillips' car broke down and she opted to give the beater away rather than fix it. She now uses a bike as her main mode of transportation, while Szuszkiewicz has given up the bus and commutes to work on foot.

By the final month of the experiment, they aim

Re-examining the definition of necessity

The pair got the idea after the June flood forced Juile Phillips to change her accommodation plans and move in with her friend Geoff Szuszkiewicz.

- Phillips said she had to get rid of about

80 per cent of her "stuff" in the process, forcing her to re-examine her definition of "necessity."

- To follow their journey online, visit buynothingyear.com.

to give up spending on groceries, relying instead on an at-home aquaponics system (built with donated or bartered materials) and supplementing their food stocks through trade.

They do plan to continue paying their power bill, however, and use their previously purchased electronics to document their journey online.

"We don't want to be these extremist hippies living without electricity,"

Phillips laughed.

If they make it all the way through the year — and Szuszkiewicz admits "there could be room for failure" — they plan to use some of the money they save to set up a grant program for others interested in taking on projects with similar philosophies.

That, and a little reward for themselves.

"We'd like to go on a trip to Thailand and get tattoos," he said.



Juile Phillips and Geoff Szuszkiewicz hold Pepper, an animal they are "bunny-sitting" for a friend in exchange for wine. The pair expect bartering to figure prominently in their "Buy Nothing Year." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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SAIT reaches out to junior highs

Calgary's Polytechnic. School to launch career-focused centre for students starting to think about career choices



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Junior-high students will soon get a chance to play the role of everything from hotel desk clerk to life-saving paramedic at Calgary's SAIT Polytechnic.

The post-secondary institution is finalizing plans to launch a Career Exploration Centre, believed to be the first in North America to give students hands-on experience in potential future jobs prior to their high-school years.

"Our research has shown that Grades 8 and 9 are the years when career decisions start to get made," said Gordon Nixon, SAIT's academic vice-president.

"Given the current economic situation, it's the SAIT students that have the high employment rates because we're producing the skill sets that are required for the economy of Alberta now."

Students will be brought in by the "busload" from not only the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District but also Rocky View Schools and Foothills School Division, Nixon said.

Once inside, they can try their hand at performing CPR on mannequins, practice welding in a simulator and even perfect their culinary skills.

Nixon said the centre also intends to bolster the reputation of polytechnics as a viable post-secondary option. He said research provided to SAIT indicates three-quarters of Calgarians know what a polytechnic is but only a quarter consider it a first choice.

The school will begin pilot programs at the centre in the fall, with a formal launch planned for September 2014.

Calgary Zoo. Guillermo the penguin, age 3, dies

Officials at the Calgary Zoo are waiting for the results of a post-mortem examination to determine what led to the death of a three-year-old Humboldt penguin.

Curator Malu Celli said keepers noticed the penguin, named Guillermo, wasn't eating and wasn't very active on Saturday.

She said the males have just gone through moulting (the process of shedding their feathers), which is stressful on their bodies and may have made him more susceptible to illness.

"The preliminary results that we have suggest he was

fighting an illness, as opposed to an accident," said Celli. "We know his immune system was working really hard."

Celli said there is a possibility that the illness could have been transferred to other penguins in the exhibit, but she added they don't believe that it could be contagious to the point the animals would need to be isolated.

The post-mortem was conducted on Monday, and test results are expected next week.

Guillermo came to Calgary from Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, N.Y., in late 2011.

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The Calgary Zoo announced that one of their Humboldt penguins, Guillermo, died Monday. **FACEBOOK**

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Cowboy, take me away to a Dixie Chicks concert

Country trio the Dixie Chicks will take to the stage Oct. 31 at the Scotiabank Saddledome after flooding forced officials to postpone the concert, originally scheduled for July 12.

Tickets for the original July date will be valid on Oct. 31; however, refunds will be available through Ticketmaster until Aug. 31.

About 2,000 tickets have been re-released via Ticketmaster, starting at \$49.50, plus taxes and fees. Additional tickets will become available as they're refunded.

The Calgary Stampede said Tuesday they are working to reschedule other shows that were part of the Stampede Concert Series. **METRO**

Child found unresponsive

RCMP investigate after day-care death

RCMP say efforts to revive a toddler at a Brooks, Alta., day home were unsuccessful

on Monday.

Around 3:35 p.m., Brooks RCMP were called to a home acting as an unregistered day home caring for several young children.

When police and EMS arrived, they found an unresponsive 18-month-old girl who wasn't breathing. She could not be revived.

RCMP and the Calgary Medical Examiner's Office are conducting an investigation and say the day home operator is co-operating. **METRO**

Legal opinion points 'no'

Recovering cash from health execs unlikely: Report

It appears that Alberta taxpayers are out of luck when it comes to getting back any money that was improperly spent by health executives.

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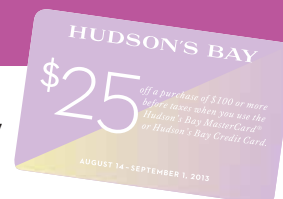
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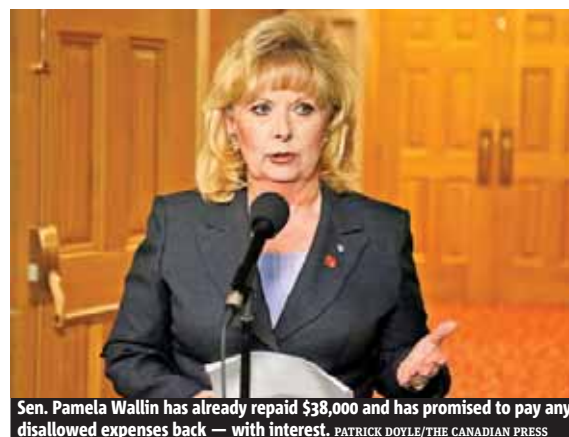
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Senate sends Wallin audit to Mounties

Expects \$82,000 back. Senator not allowed to write off travel costs for next 12 months



Sen. Pamela Wallin has already repaid \$38,000 and has promised to pay any disallowed expenses back — with interest. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Partisan Conservative fundraisers, a short hop to catch a flight to the Caribbean and glitzy awards galas are just some of the expenses Sen. Pamela Wallin billed to taxpayers under the guise of Senate business.

The Saskatchewan senator now faces the prospect of an RCMP probe, as well as paying back more than \$82,000 after an audit flagged a host of inappropriate travel claims dating back to her very first days in the upper chamber.

Wallin's ability to travel on the taxpayers' dime will be restricted for at least the next 12 months, Senate committee members said Tuesday.

"I believe I can speak for my colleagues on both sides when I say that we found aspects of the Deloitte report very troubling," said Liberal Sen. George Furey.

The former broadcaster has called the audit "flawed and

unfair," and her attorney has complained to auditing firm Deloitte about leaks of confidential information.

"Virtually nothing has happened ... which has not in some form or another found its way into the media," wrote Terrence O'Sullivan.

Deloitte auditors flagged \$121,348 in inappropriate expenses and called for further review of nearly \$21,000 in additional claims. Wallin has

already repaid \$38,000.

The audit also found that changes had been made retroactively to entries in Wallin's electronic calendar once the audit process had begun.

Wallin says the changes were the result of advice she received in order to co-operate with the audit. Conservative Sen. David Tkachuk said he only told Wallin to omit irrelevant information.

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Keystone XL. Billionaire wants war of words with big-oil boss over pipeline

Caught red handed?

Doctor accused of stealing drugs out of smuggler's gut

Russian police have arrested a surgeon who they say stole some of the heroin he had been called on to extract from the stomach of a suspected drug mule.

Police in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk say that after investigators discovered some of the drugs were missing, they searched the surgeon and found a packet containing five grams of heroin hidden in his clothes.

The surgeon, who was not identified, was under the influence of narcotics when he was apprehended, according to the police statement issued Tuesday.

If convicted, the doctor faces up to 15 years in prison. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A San Francisco billionaire has challenged TransCanada chief Russ Girling to a live debate on the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Tom Steyer, an ardent critic of the project and a major Democratic financier, extended his invitation in an open letter on Tuesday.

"Let's have a real, substantial conversation about the issues at hand, and have the viewing public decide for themselves as to which of us is in possession of the more persuasive and the more important argument," Steyer wrote.

Earlier this year, Steyer teamed up with a coalition of environmental groups on an anti-pipeline social-media campaign.

Throwdown

"I care so much that the truth comes out that I hereby challenge you to a debate on the merits and faults of the Keystone XL pipeline."

Tom Steyer. San Francisco billionaire

A TransCanada spokesman didn't say if Girling would accept the challenge.

"We respect the environmental review process put in place by the U.S. Department of State and we have been working within that process for nearly five years," said Shawn Howard in an email.

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'I took the force of it on my chin'

Victoria. Bicycling to work quickly turned into a nightmare for father after he ran into electrical-tape trip line



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Sterling Eyford nearly severed his spine and now has five titanium plates holding his jaw together, all because electrical tape was mysteriously strung across a road in Victoria, B.C.

Eyford, 34, was cycling to work Friday morning when he collided with the tape. He was thrown off his bike and landed on the road.

"I took the whole force of it on my chin," he said.

His jaw shattered in two places. He lost a tooth. He hyperextended his neck. He has minor neurological damage in his hands and arms, and will be eating through a straw

for weeks.

"I pushed my spinal cord as far as it could go without being severed," he said. "I feel lucky. It could have been so much worse."

Eyford works as a casual producer for CBC, and says the "stupid prank" will cost him weeks of work and put undue stress on his family.

"I have two little girls at home," he said. "I can't even pick my kids up right now."

According to the Victoria Police Department, the black tape was strung on an angle between two traffic signs on Kings Road. It's not clear why the tape was there, or whether it was an intentional attempt to target cyclists or motorists.

Police are appealing to the public for help identifying possible suspects.

"I hope the whole weight of the law falls on these people," Eyford said.

"But I also want them to realize they did something extremely stupid and extremely violent.

"They attacked me."

Middle East

Israeli military intercepts rocket

The Israeli military shot down a rocket launched toward a Red Sea resort town near the border with Egypt on Tuesday, the army said.

It was the first time Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system successfully intercepted a rocket attack on the resort of Eilat, the military said. The incident came after days of heightened tension along the Egypt-Israel border.

The army said the rocket was intercepted early Tuesday and that there were no injuries. It didn't provide more details and declined to comment on the origins of the projectile.

An al-Qaida-inspired militant group based in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, Ansar Jerusalem, claimed responsibility for launching the rocket in an email to The Associated Press. The little-known group is hostile to both Israel and Egypt and was behind an attack in August 2011 near Eilat that killed eight people.

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'Justice for Sammy, justice for all'

Sarah Yatim, sister of Sammy Yatim, helps lead a march up Yonge Street in Toronto. Hundreds of protesters waving banners and placards spilled into the streets outside the city's police headquarters Tuesday chanting, "Justice for Sammy, justice for all," referring to the 18-year-old who died last month after being shot and Tasered by officers. Yatim's mother and sister, along with the families of other police-shooting victims, attended the protest, which coincided with a monthly public meeting of Toronto's police services board. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Egypt's new leaders push ahead

Egypt's interim president swore in 20 new provincial governors on Tuesday, a move that reinforces the new leadership's authority and removes all Muslim Brotherhood members previously installed in the posts by Mohammed Morsi before his ouster as president.

The shake-up came as supporters of Morsi reinforced their six-week-old sit-ins in the capital and rallied for more protests across the country to demand his reinstatement.

The former Islamist president's Brotherhood group is rejecting talks with

the new government, much less participation in the post-Morsi transition. They say the military-backed new leadership is not serious about reconciliation or meeting a key demand of protesters to release top Brotherhood leaders charged with inciting violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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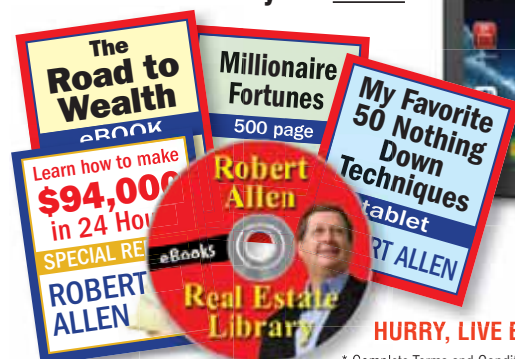
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Right message, wrong time. Detroit billboards get election date wrong

Billboards promoting Detroit's upcoming general election offered up some erroneous information about when to go to the polls.

The Detroit Free Press reports that many of the 14 billboards gave a September date for the election. The vote will actually take place Nov. 5.

City Clerk Janice Winfrey says the billboards were updated Saturday, and she calls the September date "a mistake" by the business that



One of the billboards seen Tuesday, promoting Detroit's upcoming general election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

handles the billboards.
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Environmental quality

High pollution at Lac-Mégantic: Study

Tests conducted by an environmental group suggest last month's Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster had a devastating impact on water quality and soil in the affected area.

High concentrations of carcinogenic polycyclic

aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic, detected in surface water, have "confirmed the fears" of the Société pour vaincre la pollution, the group says.

The analysis, obtained by The Canadian Press, suggests the rate of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is 394,444 times the standard acceptable for surface waters mandated by the province.

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Teenager convicted in bomb plot runs for mayor



Joshua Kyler Hoggan, then 16, is seen walking out of a Utah court with his mother. The teenager, arrested last year in a Columbine-inspired plot to blow up his high school, ran in a primary Tuesday in a bid to become mayor of Roy, Utah. ROBERT JOHNSON/STANDARD-EXAMINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Utah primary. Joshua Kyler Hoggan had planned to attack his school: Authorities

A teenager running for mayor in a small U.S. city said he never intended to go through with a plot to blow up his school that landed him in juvenile detention for half a year. Joshua Kyler Hoggan, 18, competed in Tuesday's primary against a councilman and the current mayor of Roy, a city of about 37,000 people in Utah. Two of the three were to advance to the general election, and most considered Hoggan a long shot.

Hoggan told The Associated Press in an email that he recognizes what he did was wrong. But he insists that he never had any explosives or intent to bomb the school.

Hoggan served six months in juvenile detention after

Quoted

"I'm not so sure how sincere he is. I think he's in it for the notoriety."

Roy Mayor Joe Ritchie on ballot rival Joshua Kyler Hoggan

pleading guilty in 2012 to possession of a weapon of mass destruction. He said he's rehabilitated and ready to lead the city.

"People should trust me because I have proven one thing: That I am human," Hoggan said in the email. "I have made mistakes, just like the rest of us."

Police said that Hoggan, then 16, and an older classmate spent months plotting an attack inspired by the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine, a high school in Colorado state.

The older classmate, Dalin Morgan, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and was given a 105-day jail sentence.

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U.S. actor's custody fight sparks battle over sperm donors

Parental rights.

Opponents argue bill negatively affects rights of same-sex couples or single mothers who use sperm donors

A child custody case involving U.S. actor Jason Patric and his ex-girlfriend has grown into a heated battle in California about whether certain sperm donors should be granted parental rights.

Patric took his case to state lawmakers after a judge ruled that he had no parental rights to Gus, the three-year-old son he conceived with Danielle Schreiber using in vitro fertilization. The resulting bill was to come before a legislative



Actor Jason Patric GETTY IMAGES FILE

committee Tuesday.

The couple, who never married, offer different versions of what role Patric was to play in the child's life. Patric said he signed an "intended parent" document and spent significant time with the boy until Schreiber cut off access. Her attorneys say

his involvement was based on dating Schreiber and not as the boy's intended father.

A judge determined Patric met the definition of a sperm donor and thus had no legal rights as the boy's father.

The author of that law, state Sen. Jerry Hill, says he is now trying to clarify his previous statute so unmarried men who contribute to assisted reproductive methods are not unfairly stripped of parental rights.

"This bill does not give me my son back," Patric said in an interview. "This bill allows me to come into a court of law and say, 'This is my son.'"

The bill does not rule out anonymous sperm donors from seeking parental rights but says any man must demonstrate some kind of ongoing relationship with the child. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Art heist's burning question

Eugen Darie, left, and Radu Dogaru — two of six Romanians accused of stealing masterpieces from a museum in the Netherlands last year, including works by Picasso, Monet and Matisse — leave court Tuesday in Bucharest, Romania, after the first hearing in their trial. Dogaru's lawyer denied the paintings have been burned as initially claimed by the chief suspect's mother. **VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Baby born in jail

Ontario disciplines prison employees

Ontario's Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has suspended or fired some staff at an Ottawa detention centre where an inmate gave birth in a jail cell last year.

Julie Bilotta gave birth in September 2012 and says jail staff didn't take her seriously when she said she was in labour.

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Fatal stadium fall

Man's death likely an accident: Cops

The death of Ronald Homer, a 30-year-old Georgia man who died after falling 18 metres from the upper deck of a sports stadium in Atlanta during a rain-delayed baseball game, appeared to be an accident, authorities said.

Four witnesses told police no one else was standing near him when he fell. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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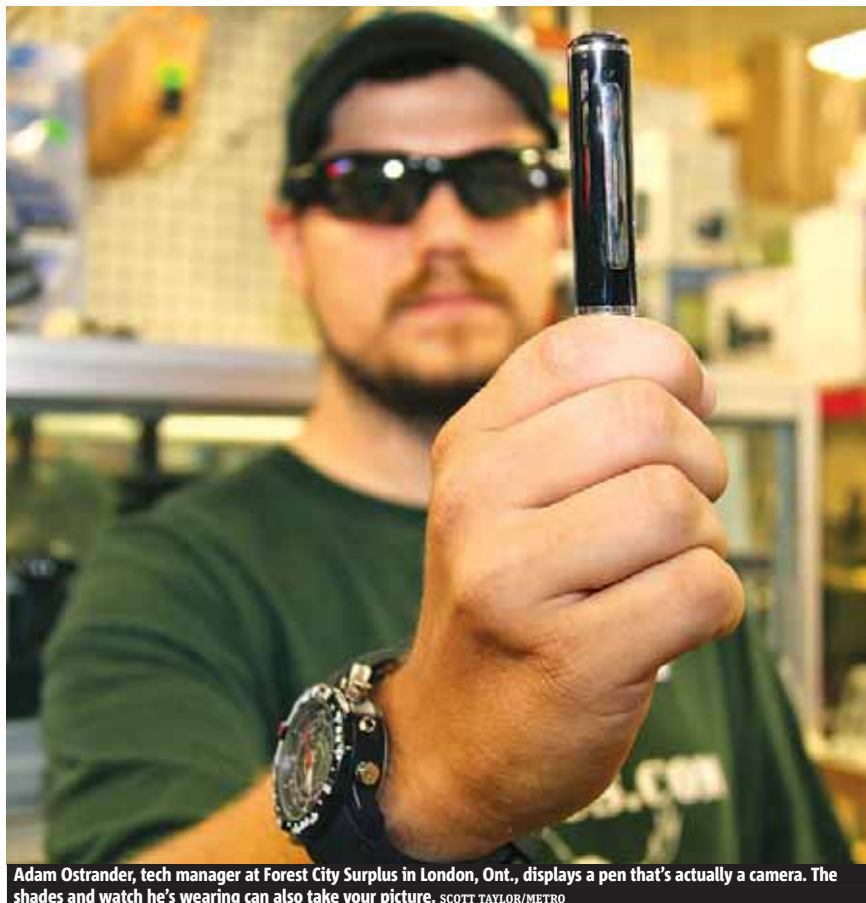
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Adam Ostrander, tech manager at Forest City Surplus in London, Ont., displays a pen that's actually a camera. The shades and watch he's wearing can also take your picture. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Don't smile, you're on hidden camera

Inspecting gadget. Spycams can be on glasses, pens, even loose threads



SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

A woman runs out of a clothing boutique change room when she notices a camera recording her from under the door.

A man is arrested after police say he used a hidden camera to secretly take pictures of kids using a public washroom.

They're both cases straight out of police files thanks to large advances in tiny pieces of technology that officers say are a growing concern.

Spycams can be as small as the head of a pin and they're available to anyone, including the London man who allegedly peeped on partially naked children.

A recent visit to Forest City Surplus turned up cameras in a pen, a watch and a pair of sunglasses. Most go for about \$39 to \$49 and come with a warranty.

Why would you want one?

That's not tech manager Adam Ostrander's business, though he's heard a few explanations over the years.

"Usually, it's parents that want to keep an eye on babysitters, or they're just trying to take care of their property and they don't want big, honking cameras where people can see them," he said.

They're easy to use, too.

"A lot of the time, wireless ones will have an SD card, so all you have to do is pop the card out, and you can play it off of any computer," he said.

While his store sells some of the more common spy cams, Ostrander said advanced ones — which can look like a dead fly or even a loose thread on a man's tie — aren't hard to find. "Honestly,

Quoted

"There are likely more incidents than we know of because they're so hard to detect." Const. Jenna Van Aarsen

if you know where to look, pretty much any weirdo can get one," he said.

London police Const. Jenna Van Aarsen said officers can only act when a complaint is laid. Police aren't exactly overrun with complaints, largely, perhaps, because few people ever notice the cameras.

"For instance, there was a pen taped under a sink in a washroom at one point, so people need to be aware of their surroundings," she advised. "Take a quick look around. If you see a little hole or whatever, it's better to err on the side of caution. Contact the police to have it investigated."

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Railway in Quebec tragedy has its Canadian licence suspended

Montreal. Federal regulator made call after reviewing MMA's liability insurance

The railway at the centre of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster will have its operating licence suspended in Canada, a severe blow to an already crippled company.

The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificates of fitness for the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. and its Canadian subsidiary, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co.

The arm's-length federal regulator says it made the decision after reviewing the railway's third-party liability insurance following the fiery July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and wiped out part of downtown Lac-Mégantic.

"We have given them until Aug. 20 to conclude their rail-

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"We have concluded that (the coverage) is not adequate, thereby we have no choice but to suspend their certificate of fitness."

Canadian Transportation Agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister

way activities in Canada," said agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister.

Even before the suspension announcement, MMA's survival seemed like a longshot.

Since the derailment, several lawsuits have been filed, a criminal investigation is underway, railroad standards have been tightened, and the provincial government has demanded money from MMA for the massive cleanup efforts.

Last week, the railway was granted creditor protection in Canada and bankruptcy protection in the United States after it



An engineer checks the engine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic locomotive on July 11 outside the company's offices in the town of Farnham, Que. The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificate of fitness for the embattled railway company. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

stated it did not have enough assets and insurance to cover the mounting costs of the disaster.

The federal agency said Tuesday that it had advised the railway that it must maintain at least the same amount of third-

party liability coverage it had before the derailment.

But it said MMA's insurance broker indicated the aggregate coverage had been cut in half since the derailment. The agency added that the railway failed to provide evidence

it had additional insurance to make up the difference.

"The agency is also of the opinion that the company no longer has the financial capacity for its self-insured portion," Bannister said.

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Washington

U.S. Justice Dept. seeks to block airline merger

The U.S. federal government is trying to block the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways, saying it would cause "substantial harm" to consumers by leading to higher fares and fees.

The U.S. Justice Department, joined by the attorneys general of six states and the District of Columbia, filed a lawsuit to block the merger Tuesday in federal court in Washington, D.C. The airlines said the government's conclusions were wrong, and they vowed to use "all legal options" to fight back.

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Coca-Cola to defend safety of aspartame



Coca-Cola will run an ad in U.S. papers in an attempt to reassure people that its lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Coca-Cola plans to run its first ad defending the safety of artificial sweeteners on Wednesday, a move that comes as the company looks to stem declining sales of diet soda.

The print ad is set to run in USA Today in the Atlanta area, followed by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Thursday and the Chicago Tribune next week. It says that diet drinks can help people manage their weight and stresses the scientific evidence showing the safety of aspartame, more

commonly known under the NutraSweet brand name.

The ad represents the next phase of a campaign Coca-Cola Co. launched in January to push back at critics who blame its sugary drinks for spiking obesity rates.

The first wave of ads outlined the company's commitment to fighting obesity and pointed to the many diet options it offers. Now Coca-Cola is trying to reassure people that those lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. "Coke

is trying to get out front and proactively defend these diet sweeteners," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest.

Sales of diet sodas are falling at a faster rate than regular sodas in the U.S., according to Beverage Digest. The declines come even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says aspartame may be safely used in foods as a sweetener, and the ingredient can be found in a wide array of other types of drinks and foods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HYPERLOOP CREATOR HAS CREDIBILITY

How cool is this:

A transport system that gets people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour using currently available technology?

It's called Hyperloop, the latest crazy plan from Elon Musk, the visionary who has so far given the world PayPal, the Tesla electric car and SpaceX, the world's only private space program.

Hyperloop is a solar-powered, lightweight, pneumatic system that proposes to move people and cars from one destination to another at 1,000 km/h. The tubes would follow California's I-5 and, unlike the rapid-rail system now in the planning process, farmers would still be able to plant their crops under the columns.

Any way you look at it — cost, speed, efficiency, access, land use — Musk's estimated \$10-billion bright idea compares favourably to the now-planned \$70-billion-to-\$100-billion train that would poke along at about 320 kilometres an hour.

So why is everyone dumping all over it? Typical of the expert



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opinion on Hyperloop is Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of *Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America*.

"It doesn't seem plausible to me," he told *The New York Times*. "I'm suspicious about everything, especially cost."

I'm not sure what Richard White thought when Musk announced SpaceX in 2002, but I don't think there was anyone who really believed it would be the first privately held company to take cargo to the International Space Station a mere 10 years later.

Elon Musk has visionary cred. While the tenured professors of negativity mutter in their beards, Elon Musk is busy designing the future.

Along with a few others such as the recently departed Steve Jobs, Google's Sergey Brin and tech-genius emeritus Bill Gates.

Not everything these guys dream up works. Landfills are littered with Newton PDAs and Vista software bundles, and Google

seems to shut down as many services as it launches, but look at what they've brought to the table. Modern wonders of the world:

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Not to mention a rocket-ship company that has single-handedly saved the International Space Station, our seed pod to the stars.

Sadly, for every Elon Musk, there are 100 Richard Whites. Eminent, expert and enervating. People who can tell you how it won't work. Prophets of failure.

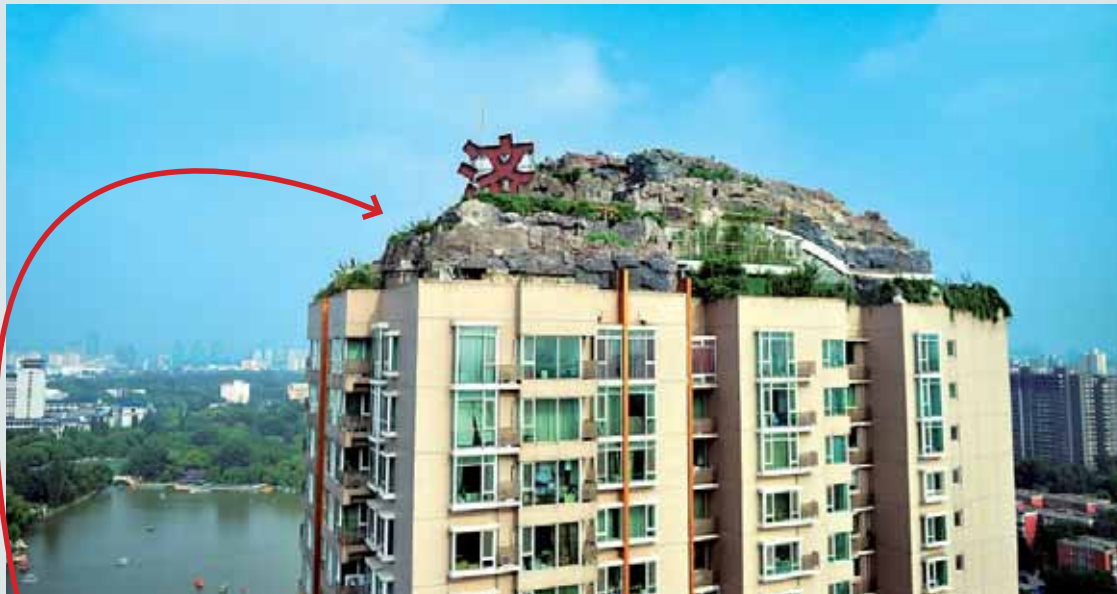
We need more Elon Musks, people who look at grinding challenges such as gridlock and climate change and see opportunity. More than that: They see excitement. Their eyes sparkle.

It's like corny old Buzz Lightyear likes to say: To infinity and beyond!

Why would we want to go anywhere else?

ZOOM

Rustic rock villa meets urban upset



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One castle in the sky not wanted

A mysterious Chinese medicine practitioner has been ordered to dismantle a rocky mountain villa built on top of a 26-storey block of apartments in Beijing.

Neighbours say Prof. Zhang Biqing began to illegally build the huge rock dwelling six years ago and they live in fear that the weight will cause the building to collapse. **METRO**

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At 27,349 yuan (\$4,468 US) per square metre for property in the Chinese capital, and 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of rocky terrain, Zhang's luxury rooftop pad could be worth more than \$3.5 million US.

The faux mountain home is covered by fake rockeries, real trees and bushes, and is located in one of the city's more upmarket areas.

Unlicensed add-ons and alterations to homes is a common practice among China's wealthiest.

15-day deadline for demolition

The suites beneath Zhang's already suffer from cracks and leaking roofs. One neighbour had complained to the local urban management office, but Zhang allegedly hired thugs to beat him up and he then moved away. Following media exposure, the local urban management office has now ordered Zhang to dismantle the property within 15 days or it will be torn down. **METRO**

Quoted

"Since I dare to live here, I am not worried about complaints. Famous people come to my place and sing. How can you stop them? I used to worry that the house might be too much but I never expected this much attention."

Zhang told Beijing Morning News

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Are you suffering from the affliction of having way too much available data on your phone plan? Nip that problem in the bud with these recent online multiplayer gems. Besides, it's more fun to play together.

Ultima Forever

What's being billed as the App Store's largest free-to-play RPG has been a blast in the days since it launched.

There's no cross-platform play, sadly, but the developers are promising it. (iOS/Free)

Finest Hour

This turn-based, First World War-era tank warfare with a board-game feel has been my favourite release for quite a while. Manage your fleet of armoured



war machines, with special care to positioning that exploits the weaknesses of your opponents' tanks while defending against the vulnerabilities of your own. Easily worth the cost. (iOS/\$0.99)

Disc Drivin'

OK, so there's nothing new about Disc Drivin', but I've recently rediscovered it buried among my app folders. A turn-based racing game where the vehicle of choice is a weighted disc you flick around a tricky track. (iOS/\$1.99)

Letters

RE: Ontario to examine pesticides as possible cause of bee deaths, published July 9

It was good to see a couple of articles back in July on the problems honeybees are having. Keep up the good work. I think the public needs to be made aware of how the honeybee has become an essential part of modern agriculture. Without it, the large crops of fruits, vegetables, nuts and even cotton wouldn't be pollinated.

The U.S. lost so many honeybee colonies that every year the country imports honeybees from Australia in order to satisfy the demand from farmers.

Can you imagine having to hand pollinate the flowers on a pear tree in order to get a pear to grow? Can you imagine the cost of the fruit? Well it is already happening. There is a province in China that no longer has honeybees due to the use of pesticides and the pear trees have to be hand pollinated.

A few months ago the EU banned neonicotinoids for a couple of years. Hopefully this will help to slow or reverse the trend of the declining honeybee populations.

When a bug eats a leaf, it dies. When a honeybee takes pollen and nectar to its hive, it feeds this poison to the brood as well as the adult bees.

Derrick To, Vancouver

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You're not paranoid — movies on espionage are good business

I spy. Opening this weekend, *Paranoia* won't be the last in a long list of movies about double crossing businesses



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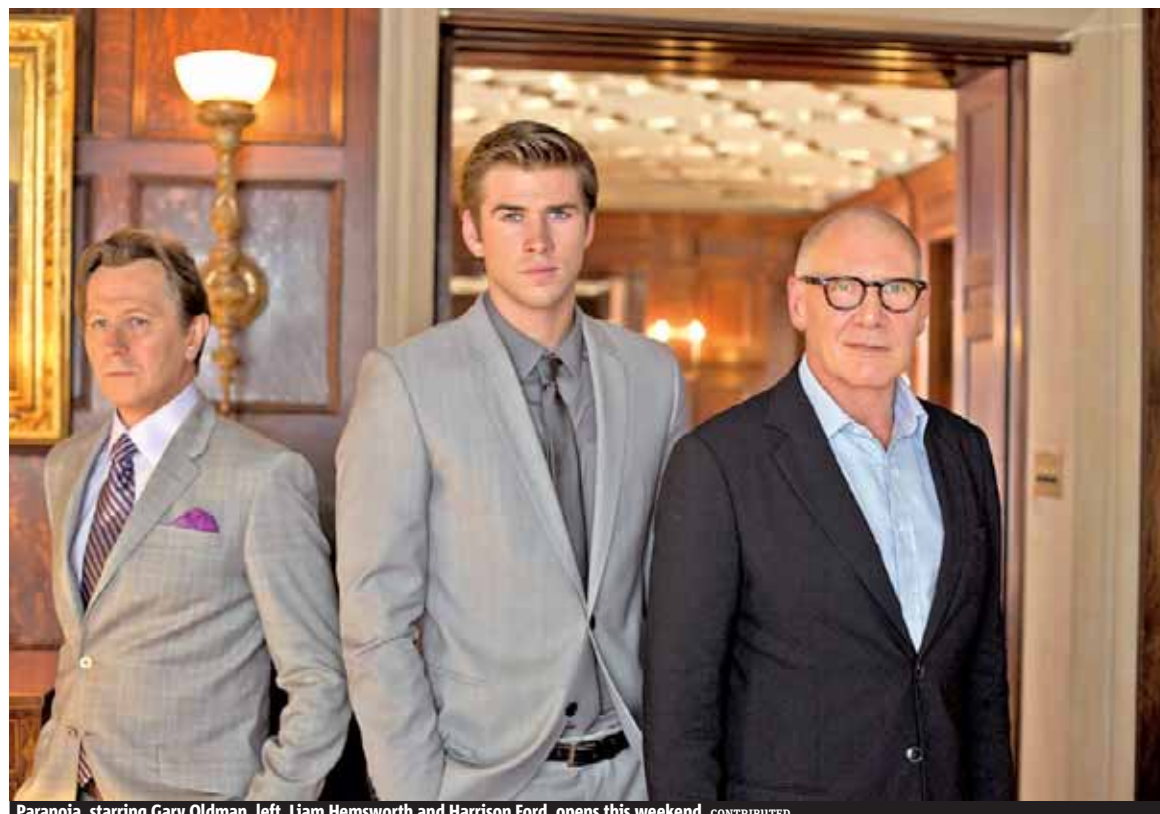
The word espionage is most commonly used in relation to spy stories. It conjures up images of James Bond, exotic locations and wild action scenes. But in many movies espionage has little to do with shaken not stirred martinis and Bond girls, and more to do with corporate secrets and intrigue.

This weekend, *Paranoia* explores the world of big business espionage as Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) finds himself doing dangerous double duty in the billion dollar world of high tech.

As an entry level employee, his boss Nicholas Wyatt (Gary Oldman) promises him a corner office, among other things, if he will spy on rival tech giant Jock Goddard (Harrison Ford).

That movie is set in the world of bits and bytes but corporate espionage comes in as many styles as that ergonomically designed chair in the CEO's office.

As the title would suggest, the movie *Duplicity* is ripe with lies and underhanded



Paranoia, starring Gary Oldman, left, Liam Hemsworth and Harrison Ford, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

dealings. Julia Roberts and Clive Owen are former government spies now working in the private sector. Despite being intimately involved, they work for rival shampoo companies. It's a romantic comedy about undercover activities. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day had starred in *Mission Impossible* and you get the idea.

Genetics is the currency in *New Rose Hotel*, a 1999

Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe film based on a short story by William Gibson. They play corporate moles hired to influence a Japanese bio-engineering expert to defect from one corporation to another. To seduce Dr. Hiroshi (Yoshitaka Amano) they hire a prostitute (Asia Argento) to win his affections. The plan doesn't work, and neither does the movie, really, but it's worth

a look for the flamboyant performances from Walken and Dafoe.

Finally, back in the world of high tech espionage, the Ben Affleck thriller *Paycheck* is a good little movie released at the wrong time. Wedged between *Gigli* and *Jersey Girl*, it came out at the height of Bennifer and the nadir of audience interest in Affleck as an actor.

Based on a Philip K Dick

short story, Affleck plays Jennings, a genius programmer hired by corporations to reverse engineer new products, recreating them anew. His work is so secretive that after he's done, his memory is wiped clean. The chicanery really begins when his employer (Aaron Eckhart) pulls a double cross, leaving Jennings with no money, no memory and a world of trouble.

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Winfrey apologizes over Swiss bag dust-up

Oprah Winfrey really wishes everyone hadn't made such a big deal about her not being able to buy a handbag in Switzerland because the store clerk assumed she couldn't afford it.

"I think the incident in Switzerland was just an incident in Switzerland," Winfrey says, according to

the BBC.

"I'm really sorry that it got blown up. I purposefully did not mention the name of the store. I'm sorry that I said it was Switzerland. It's not an indictment against the country, or even that store. It's just one person who didn't want to offer me the opportunity to see the bag."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Miley Cyrus knows she is white, m'kay?



THE WORD
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Miley Cyrus, who is white, teamed up with French Montana, who is Moroccan, for a remix of his hit song Ain't Worried 'Bout Nothin'.

A portion of the collaboration, which was shot on an iPhone video, was put out onto the Interwebs on Monday. In the grainy video, Cyrus raps about "having thick chicks" and "stuntin' during Fashion Week."



In response to the clip, comments poured in — many of which were not so nice and seemed quite racially motivated — to which Cyrus replied via Twitter, "i know what color my skin is. you can stop with the friendly reminders b—."

It's been very interesting to watch the singer, who brought twerking into the mainstream, shed her Disney background and play her career and artistic self the way she wants to play it — no genres, no boundaries, no rules. Good for you, Miley.



Jennifer Garner

Garner wants to be known as more than a wife

Jennifer Garner makes it a point to attend some Hollywood events without husband Ben Affleck specifically so she'll be known as more than just his wife, she tells Allure magazine.

"It's a very conscious decision. Sometimes it's a pain because my heels are so high and it would be nice to have his arm. And he's such a great date," she says.

"But it can be too much. I think, especially for women, they can really lose their identity and just become 'wife of.'"



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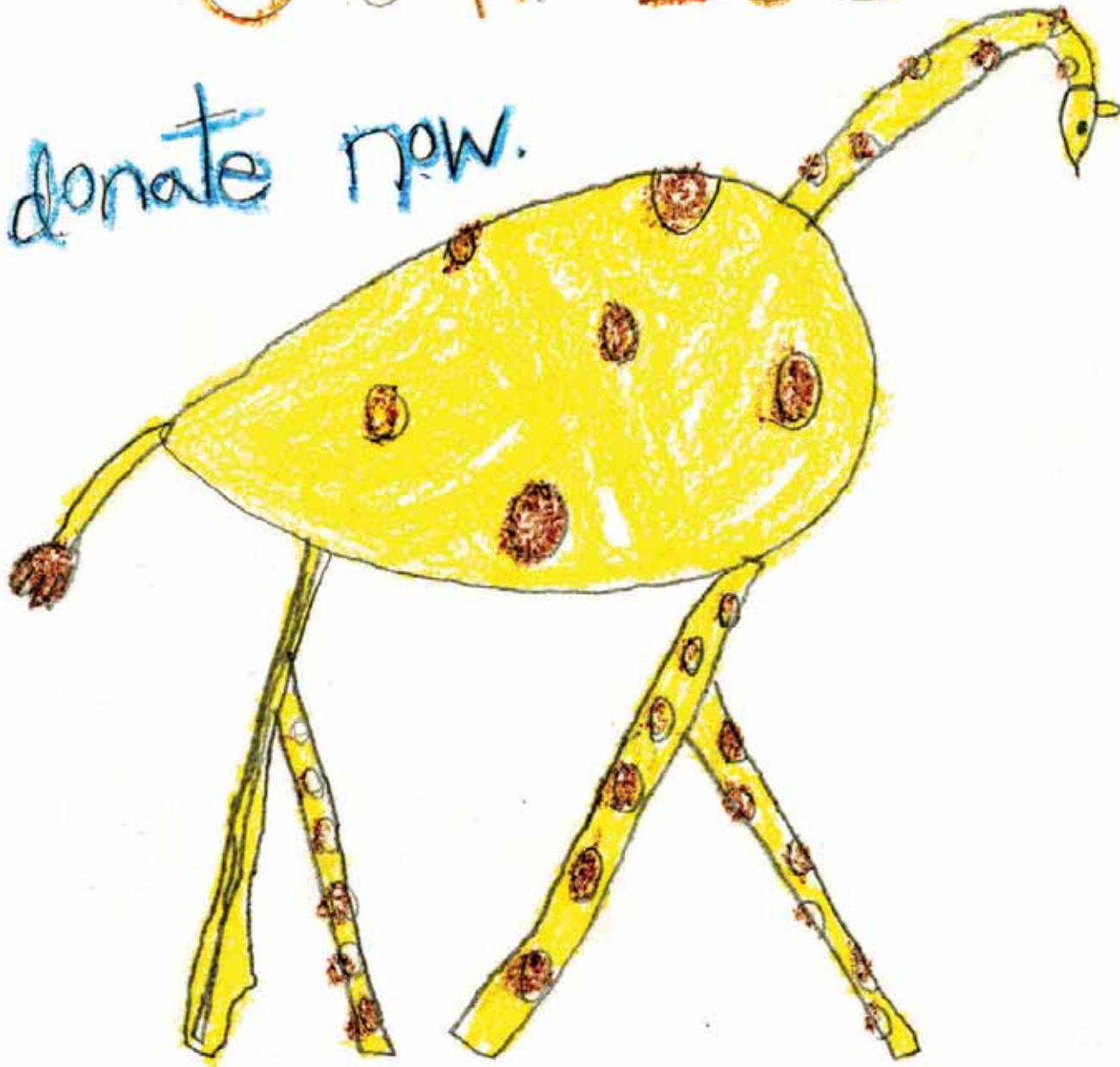


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Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides

JULIE KAYZERMAN
Metro World News in New York City

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job if you ask us — he's an amusement park expert. Yes, that's an actual job. Jealous? The author of America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters in the United States for you to see this summer.

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio cedar-point.com

Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gatekeeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.



There is still plenty of coaster-weather left this year. ISTOCK IMAGES

Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.. sixflags.com/greatadventure

Going from zero to 128 m.p.h. in about four seconds, this steel accelerator reaches 456 feet before it drops 418 feet at a 90-degree angle.

Best wooden coaster

El Toro Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.

This ride became the first wooden coaster to use a cable lift instead of a chain lift, allowing for a much

faster and steeper ride. El Toro has one of the steepest wooden-coaster drops and was voted the 2013 No. 1 wooden coaster by Amusement Today.

Best Florida coaster

Dragon Challenge Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla. universalorlando.com/harrypotter

"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

Best kiddie coasters

"Any park that you go to, you're going to find at least one or two kid rides that are really well worth going on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your breath." Trabucco recommends:

- Sesame Place Langhorne, Pa. sesameplace.com
- Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. disneyworld.disney.go.com
- Runaway Mine Train Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J. sixflags.com/greatadventure

World's largest

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure.

The Jackson, N.J., theme park reimaged its 38-year-old Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting

the 350-acre, 1,200-animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized from surplus army trucks.

"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul Ruben, industry expert and North American editor of Park World magazine.

By merging the Safari reserve with the existing Great Adventure property, the park is now 510 acres — surpassing Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom (500 acres) as the world's largest theme park.

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Rent it. That mansion on the beach you've been lusting for may not be within your price range — but you can pretend

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News in New York City

Jet-setting around town and living out of a suitcase may seem glamorous, but it gets old fast.

There's something special about crossing the threshold of a house — the kind of house you don't usually live in — and making it "home" for a few days.

Robert Milne, president of WyndhamVacation Rentals North America — a company specializing in luxury house rentals — gave us some tips about making yourself at home while you're on vacation.

What kind of folks usually go for rental houses?

Typically, our demographic, as you can probably imagine, is a family. But usually it's more than just two adults.

It's the mom and dad and maybe the uncle or a friend, because renting gives people an opportunity to invite other friends or family that they might not otherwise.

What makes renting a

house different from staying in a hotel?

I'm a perfect example of it, actually.

(My family) rents vacation houses when we travel, and it's funny how over the years different members of the family invited friends who we never would have thought of inviting if we were going to stay in a hotel.

It's like, even though we're good friends, I'm not going to invite you to stay in a hotel with me — but it's different when it is a house.

Plus, if you invite your friend along, the cost splits amongst a lot of people and makes it a good value.

Sites like VRBO, Airbnb and HomeAway make it easy to rent houses.

What makes your company different?

One of the bigger differences between the professionally managed properties versus houses managed by owners is that a lot of the owners don't have the sophistication of software to make sure that double-bookings and other problems don't happen.

We came up with a "renter's bill of rights" that we could stand behind as a company. It is a service pledge that promises high standards of customer service, real-time booking, accurate property portrayals and diverse properties with clean, regularly inspected units.

Advice

- **DO.** Ask questions beforehand. "We had one guest who showed up at a vacation rental and brought all of their sheets and towels, and they were floored to learn that the house already had linens. I think a lot of it is doing your research and making sure that you find out what amenities there are, too."
- **DON'T.** Obsess about work. "I always remind guests that there is so much to do and see that they should avoid bringing too much work with them. In my experience, staying at a rental means it becomes your home away from home — many of our guests feel the same way."

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Squamish easily earns its title as "Canada's Outdoor Recreation Playground" with the many elements that provide a natural workout for this very active community.

The rowing machine is traded in for a sea kayaking tour with Coast River Kayak School. They provide the equipment, training, and the commentary for a paddle out toward Howe Sound, stopping to take in the breathtaking scenery that surrounds you — mountains, birds, kites from the nearby kite boarding school, rustic beaches, logging activity and the occasional seal popping up and down.

Hiking The Chief, Canada's largest granite monolith, of-

fers a natural and scenic Stairmaster, featuring a steep hiking trail up over 600 metres of rocky terrain. Stone and wooden stairways take you up to ladders and chains before eventually opening up to the top to an unparalleled view of Squamish Valley.

The only better view you'll get is with the Sea to Sky Air team. Flying out of Squamish's tiny airport, tours up and down the valley are offered, and fliers can also have the opportunity to "take the wheel" with an expert flight instructor.

Spinning class can wait when you have the opportunity to rent bikes from the Sea to Sky Adventure Company (located inside the beautiful Squamish Adventure Centre), which includes everything from mountain bikes, which can take on the many trails, to the more sedate cruisers, perfect for a gentle cycle down riverside paths and through the downtown area. Cycle down to the Howe Sound Brewery, which offers 30 plus types of craft beers.

Their once a month beer-pairing dinners have become



Visitors to Squamish can choose between rapids and the slower moving parts of the Elaho and Squamish Rivers. CONTRIBUTED

a huge hit. Don't worry about jumping on that bike again afterwards, as the brewpub is also a 20-room inn.

Jumping and bumping is something you do in an aqua fit class; replace that with the white water rafting rides offered by Canadian Outback Ad-

ventures.

The Elaho River tour takes brave participants down heaving Class IV rapids, bouncing and throwing up gallons of glacial water. The quieter parts of this river, and the Squamish River that it joins up with, allow for a break from the "Paddle

hard" commands of the rugged raft guides. Guests of the Executive Suites Resort & Hotel can be picked up on site, and then return for drinks and gourmet food at The Living Room restaurant, or enjoy a meal in their kitchen-fit suite.

While the outdoors defines

Squamish, the Britannia Mine Museum shows what happens underneath the scenic elements. This historic site allows visitors to go down the tunnels, learn about mining and enter into the massive mill building, where the ghosts of miners are felt. Kids love the oversized dump truck and play area, while adults are drawn in by this important piece of copper history.

Every workout needs fuel, and the perfect spot is the award winning Fergie's Café, located at the charming Sunwolf lodge, which includes 10 cabins and one larger building available for renting.

In 2014, the views from the top of Squamish become available to everyone with the Sea to Sky Gondola.

Set to open in July 2014, this highly anticipated addition will allow people to travel up 2,500 feet and enjoy a restaurant, retail shops and a suspension bridge. For those still looking for an active alternative, new hiking and biking trails will be added at the summit. For more information visit tourismsquamish.com.



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A crepe isn't a crepe without a plum

Plum Crepes With Cardamom and Honey Whipped Cream



This recipe serves eight. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

These crepes are delicious for breakfast, brunch or dessert. The plums are cooked with star anise until just soft and complemented by the cardamom in the whipped cream.

1. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, flour and salt until no lumps remain. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before making crepes.

2. Plums: In a large heavy-bottomed skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown cut side of plums for about 2 minutes per side; sprinkle with sugar. Add wine, star anise pods and lemon zest to skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook until plums are soft, about 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove plums to a heatproof bowl.

3. Bring syrup to boil; boil until reduced by half, 5 to 6 minutes. Add lemon juice to taste; pour over plums. Cover and let cool to room temper-

ature.

4. Crepes: Heat a 20-cm (8-inch) non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brush pan with melted butter. Pour 75 ml (1/3 cup) batter into centre of pan, tilting pan to cover bottom thinly. Return to heat for about 1 minute or until bottom is lightly browned. Using a spatula, flip crepe over and brown other side. Remove to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, buttering pan if needed. (Refrigerate crepes if not using immediately.)

5. Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whip cream on medium until thickened slightly. Slowly add honey and cardamom, whipping until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

6. Remove star anise pods from plums. Place crepes on cutting board. Divide plum mixture among 8 crepes, spooning mixture onto one

half. Fold crepes over. Carefully transfer to serving plates; garnish with whipped cream and a star anise pod. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF TAFIK SHEHATA FOR FOODLAND ONTARIO**

Drink of the Week

Breakfast of Champs

Kick off any hot summer day with this refreshing punch. It's simple and delicious, with lemon juice, simple syrup and soda water.

- 8.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
- 4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz simple syrup
- 16 oz soda water

Add all ingredients into a glass jug. Garnish with lemon slices and mint.

COURTESY BELVEDERE VODKA



Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, plus extra for cooking crepes
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- Plums**
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 6 blue plums, pitted and quartered
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-dry white wine (such as Riesling)
- 8 whole star anise pods
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Whipped Cream**
- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream (35 per cent)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid honey
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cardamom

The dos and don'ts of dealing with a d'oh!

Mending your first mistake. Turn that blunder into an opportunity to impress your business buds

MEGHAN GREAVES
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Mistakes happen, especially when first hatching your career. There's a lot to learn, a new workplace "style" to adhere to, and a ton of egg-citing but sometimes challenging scenarios. It doesn't help that being a new hire can be nerve-racking as well.

The good news is that it's more than likely that your employer will be understanding of your first "whoops" if you handle it properly. This is easy if you're equipped with the right skills. We did some research on how to overcome your first mistake at work and asked around to get more ideas.

Acknowledge that you've made a mistake

You've accidentally replied to everyone in a sensitive email, sent the wrong message or double-booked your boss.

The first thing to do is acknowledge the mistake. Don't sweep it under the rug for someone else to find. Owning up prevents the mistake from snowballing into a serious problem.

This is also the perfect time to take any responsible steps to reverse the mistake, if possible.

Take responsibility

You've acknowledged that a mistake has been made, developed a solution and brought the situation to your manager. Now it's time to apologize.

- Your apology doesn't have to be an overwrought speech, but it should be genuine.
- Apologizing shows your employer right off the bat that you are being professional about the situation and gives him or her the confidence to believe that you will make it right.

Advise your manager

The best thing to do after realizing that you have made a mistake and taking the proper steps to come up with a solution is to advise your manager.

This may be a scary thing, but telling your manager about a mistake is a lot less scary than being asked about it.

While no one likes mistakes, you need to believe that your manager will understand and appreciate your honesty.

Explain if necessary

Your employer may ask for you to explain the situation to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

If this happens, lay out your explanation in advance. Preparing yourself beforehand avoids having your nerves kick in and will

keep you from rambling.

Here are some guidelines for explaining your mistake:

- Summarize the situation as concisely as possible
- Leave others out of the explanation
- Think about what the repercussions could be and how you could handle them if needed
- Put together the steps that you took to acknowledge and fix your mistake
- Briefly discuss what you have learned and how you will avoid making the same mistake again.

Debrief yourself

You've acknowledged the mistake, provided a solution and spoken with your employer. It's time to get back to work.

However, there may still be a lot going on in your mind (Did I explain myself enough? Do they understand? Are they mad? Am I going to get fired?). It can be hard not to fixate on the situation.

Try and take a break to debrief your mind, if possible. If that's not an option, take a moment to remind yourself of the positive accomplishments you've enjoyed at your job, and set those off against this passing error.

This will settle your concerns so you can get back to being productive!

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Brianne Theisen Eaton celebrates winning a silver medal in the heptathlon at the world track and field championships in Moscow on Tuesday.

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Newlywed ups her game to win silver

Track and field.

Theisen Eaton captures her first world championship medal to complement her husband's gold

The Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia on Tuesday, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration at the world track and field championships.

Brianne Theisen Eaton of Humboldt, Sask., failed to sufficiently shake off Ganna Melnichenko in the final

800-metre race of the heptathlon and finished with a silver medal two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton of the United States, won gold in the decathlon.

After two days of competition, Theisen Eaton no longer had the legs to create a decisive gap ahead of Melnichenko. And while the Ukrainian went celebrating wrapped in her national flag, Theisen Eaton wrapped herself in the warmest of embraces of her smiling husband.

Barely a month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

Making history

The medal was Canada's second in Moscow after London, Ont.'s Damian Warner won bronze in the decathlon.

- It's the first time Canadian athletes have ever won medals in male and female combined events at the same world championship.

"I watched Ashton the last couple of years winning all his medals and could only sit back and imagine what that felt like," said Theisen Eaton.

"Ashton and I talked about both being on the podium here, it was definitely our plan. We'll probably just go home now, sit on the couch for a few days watching television and eating crappy food."

Melnichenko won her first major competition with 6,586 points, compared to 6,530 for Theisen Eaton, who became the third Canadian woman to win a world championship medal. Hurdlers Priscilla Lopes-Schliep (silver in 2009) and Perdita Felicien (gold in 2003 and silver 2007) are the others.

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Stampede party

Appeal Court upholds conviction in death of worker

The Alberta Court of Appeal has rejected a bid by a Calgary company to overturn a conviction in the death of a worker during a Stampede party in 2007.

XI Technologies was having a client appreciation party and rented a mechanical calf roping machine.

Nathan Shair, a 22-year-old university student who was working as a summer intern for the company, was struck in the head by a spring-loaded lever from the machine and died later in hospital.

The company was acquitted of health and safety charges by a provincial court judge.

The Crown appealed and a Queen's Bench judge overturned the decision and convicted the company, finding that the accident was foreseeable.

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CFL

Esks' all-star LB out indefinitely with bum thumb

The Edmonton Eskimos have lost all-star linebacker JC Sherritt to injury.

The CFL club announced Tuesday that Sherritt, the CFL's outstanding defensive player last season, recently underwent successful thumb surgery and will be out indefinitely.

The Eskimos said Sherritt sustained the injury in their 30-29 home loss to Hamilton on Aug. 2.

Edmonton is in Toronto on Sunday to face the Argonauts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tennis. Raonic, Pospisil carry on success from Rogers Cup in Cincinnati

Fresh off their inspired performances at the Rogers Cup, Canadians Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil are into the second round of the Western & Southern Open.

Raonic, who dropped Sunday's final in Montreal to Rafael Nadal, defeated Jack Sock 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday night to advance.

The 12th seed from Thornhill, Ont., now ranked a career-high 10th on the ATP Tour after beating Pospisil in the Rogers Cup semifinals, disposed of Sock in just under two hours.

MLB

Former league MVP on waivers

The Minnesota Twins have placed Canadian first baseman Justin Morneau on revocable waivers.

If Morneau is claimed before Wednesday's deadline,

In a hurry

36

Vasek Pospisil, a native of Vernon, B.C., needed just 36 minutes to win the opening set against Gilles Simon.

Pospisil, now also ranked a career-best at No. 40, advanced when France's Gilles Simon retired with an injury.

Simon was trailing 6-3, 1-1 when he ended the match. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

the Twins can work out a trade with the claiming team to let that team take his contract or pull him back and keep him in Minnesota.

Morneau, a native of New Westminster, B.C., was named the American League's most valuable player in 2006.

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Blue Jays crash and burn in extra innings



Mike Napoli of the Red Sox dodges the Blue Jays' Rajai Davis after forcing him out at first base in Toronto on Tuesday. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB. Victorino drives in go-ahead runs in 11th to give Red Sox win in Toronto

Shane Victorino hit a two-run single to put Boston ahead in the 11th inning Tuesday as the Red Sox went on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2.

Victorino's two-out single off Blue Jays reliever Aaron Loup (4-5) scored Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Jacoby Ellsbury, helping the Red Sox (72-49) pad their lead atop the American League East.

The Red Sox offence stymied until the seventh inning when Will Middlebrooks doubled off Blue Jays reliever Sergio Santos and then scored on a single by Ellsbury that tied the game 1-1. Dustin Pedroia brought home Ellsbury two batters later to put the Red

On Tuesday

4

Red Sox

2

Blue Jays

Sox ahead 2-1.

But catcher J.P. Arencibia tied the game in the eighth for Toronto (54-65) with a solo home run off reliever Junichi Tazawa to left field that put him second on the Blue Jays' all-time homer list for a catcher with 60.

Boston starter Ryan Dempster of Gibsons, B.C., went seven innings with just the one run allowed on four hits. Jays pitcher Todd Redmond, who was called up from triple-A to start the game, allowed just three hits through 5 1/3 spotless innings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Boston | 72 | 49 | .595 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 66 | 51 | .564 | 4 |
| Baltimore | 65 | 53 | .551 | 5 1/2 |
| New York | 61 | 57 | .517 | 9 1/2 |
| Toronto | 54 | 65 | .454 | 17 |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Detroit | 69 | 48 | .590 | — |
| Cleveland | 64 | 56 | .533 | 6 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 62 | 55 | .530 | 7 |
| Minnesota | 53 | 64 | .453 | 16 |
| Chicago | 45 | 72 | .385 | 24 |

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Texas | 69 | 51 | .575 | — |
| Oakland | 67 | 50 | .573 | 1/2 |
| Seattle | 56 | 63 | .466 | 13 |
| Los Angeles | 53 | 65 | .449 | 15 |
| Houston | 37 | 80 | .316 | 30 1/2 |

Tuesday's results

Seattle 5 Tampa Bay 4
N.Y. Yankees 14 L.A. Angels 7
Boston 4 Toronto 2 (11 inn.)
Cleveland 5 Minnesota 2
Miami 1 Kansas City 0 (10 inn.)
Milwaukee 5 Texas 1
Detroit at Chicago White Sox
Houston at Oakland

Monday's results

Oakland 5 Toronto 1
Texas 2 Houston 1
N.Y. Yankees 2 L.A. Angels 1
Kansas City 6 Miami 2
Chicago White Sox 6 Detroit 2
Minnesota 3 Cleveland 0

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern

Cleveland (Carrasco 0-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Miami (Turner 3-4) at Kansas City (Santana 8-6), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 8-6) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-9), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 10-7) at Toronto (Johnson 2-8), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Harang 5-10) at Tampa Bay (Price 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Thorburn 1-0) at Texas (Garza 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Cosart 1-0) at Oakland (Parker 8-6), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Atlanta | 73 | 47 | .608 | — |
| Washington | 58 | 60 | .492 | 14 |
| New York | 54 | 62 | .466 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 53 | 66 | .445 | 19 1/2 |
| Miami | 45 | 73 | .381 | 27 |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Pittsburgh | 70 | 47 | .598 | — |
| St. Louis | 67 | 50 | .573 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 66 | 52 | .559 | 4 1/2 |
| Chicago | 52 | 66 | .441 | 18 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 52 | 67 | .437 | 19 |

WEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | .576 | — |
| Arizona | 60 | 57 | .513 | 7 1/2 |
| Colorado | 56 | 65 | .463 | 13 1/2 |
| San Diego | 54 | 65 | .454 | 14 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 52 | 66 | .441 | 16 |

Tuesday's results

Atlanta 3 Philadelphia 1
Washington 4 San Francisco 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 5
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Baltimore at Arizona
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers

Monday's results

Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 2 Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 14 San Diego 2
Arizona 7 Baltimore 6
L.A. Dodgers 4 N.Y. Mets 2

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern

Cincinnati (Arroyo 10-9) at Chicago Cubs (Rusin 2-1), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 8-6) at Colorado (De La Rosa 11-6), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 14-3) at Arizona (Corbin 12-3), 3:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 6-11) at Washington (Zimmermann 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lannan 3-5) at Atlanta (Beachy 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 12-5) at St. Louis (Miller 11-7), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 8-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 4-6), 10:10 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| Kansas City | 11 | 7 | 6 | 36 | 24 | 39 |
| New York | 11 | 8 | 5 | 36 | 31 | 38 |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 7 | 7 | 36 | 32 | 37 |
| Montreal | 10 | 7 | 5 | 34 | 34 | 35 |
| Houston | 9 | 7 | 6 | 26 | 22 | 33 |
| Chicago | 9 | 9 | 4 | 29 | 32 | 31 |
| New England | 8 | 9 | 6 | 27 | 23 | 30 |
| Columbus | 7 | 11 | 5 | 27 | 30 | 26 |
| Toronto FC | 4 | 11 | 8 | 21 | 31 | 20 |
| D.C. United | 3 | 16 | 4 | 13 | 38 | 13 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Real Salt Lake | 12 | 7 | 5 | 39 | 26 | 41 |
| Vancouver | 10 | 7 | 6 | 36 | 30 | 36 |
| Colorado | 9 | 7 | 9 | 31 | 27 | 36 |
| Portland | 8 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 21 | 35 |
| Los Angeles | 10 | 9 | 4 | 35 | 30 | 34 |
| Seattle | 10 | 7 | 4 | 29 | 23 | 34 |
| FC Dallas | 8 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 33 | 33 |
| San Jose | 8 | 10 | 6 | 25 | 35 | 30 |
| Chivas USA | 4 | 13 | 6 | 20 | 40 | 18 |

Sunday's results

FC Dallas 3 Los Angeles 3

Chivas USA 1 Colorado 1

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

D.C. United at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Toronto FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 11 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 8

EAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pts |
|----------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Toronto | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 194 | 141 | 8 |
| Hamilton | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 129 | 187 | 4 |
| Montreal | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 135 | 177 | 4 |
| Winnipeg | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 135 | 173 | 2 |

WEST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | T | PF | PA | Pts |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Saskatchewan | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 210 | 129 | 10 |
| Calgary | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 204 | 160 | 10 |
| B.C. | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 143 | 142 | 8 |
| Edmonton | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 128 | 169 | 2 |

Friday's game — All Times Eastern

Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Montreal at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

Calgary at B.C., 9 p.m.

Sunday's game

Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.

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Review. A fresh take on the minivan ... from Europe? Yes indeed

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Nowhere in Ford's press or promotional literature will you see the 2014 Transit Connect Wagon referred to as a minivan. But one walk around this big-roofed rig with its dual-sliding side doors and up to seven passenger seating capacity is enough to confirm that "minivan" is the most relevant designation, even if it's from Europe.

The TC Wagon, which arrives in late 2013, is the junior-sized civilian offshoot of a series of new windowless commercial-vans heading to North America from Ford's factory

in Spain. Unlike the Mazda, the TC Wagon will be offered in five and seven passenger sizes, separated by about 41 centimetres in overall length and in distance between the front and rear wheels. The pair replaces the original five-passenger Transit Connect van that arrived for the 2010 model year.

The five-passenger TC Wagon's just-right size is more esthetically pleasing, but for larger families the elongated seven-seat version will likely get the nod. Both are finished off as well as any other members of Ford's compact fleet, including the Focus sedan and hatchback and Escape small utility vehicle.

With three distinct trim levels — XL, XLT and Titanium — the TC Wagon can be spiced up just about any way you want, from utilitarian

basic to full-on premium class transporter with leather seat coverings, king-size panoramic glass roof, a navigation system with a 6.5-inch (16.5-centimetre) screen, fancy wheels, upgraded sound system and other niceties.

In either case, the split-folding second-row — and the dual fore-and-aft-sliding third-row seats found in extended models — can be flattened for maximum stowage. The TC Wagon will accommodate up to 545 kilograms of cargo and tow up to 910 kilograms. Think personal water craft or ATV here.

Along with its compact silhouette, the TC Wagon promises to maintain a solid grip on fuel consumption by way of its engines. The starting point is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" power-

2014 Ford Transit Wagon

•**Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact van

•**Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168, est.); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173, est.)

•**Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic

•**Base price (incl. destination)** \$27,500

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Design

The retiring Transit Connect's tall body was always better suited for work-van duty, while the new Transit Connect Wagon's stylish sheet metal seems far more car-like in looks and in application. In fact, it's a long overdue departure from the classic minivan shape.

plant is optional.

Far from being just a cargo van with added windows and seats, the Transit Connect Wagon is nothing short of a fully turned-out utility hauler. Ford is keeping the starting prices to itself for now, but you'll likely be able to drive a short-wheelbase model off the

lot for about \$27,500, which would put the longer model at close to \$30,000.

The TC Wagon represents a breakthrough of sorts in the minivan field, even if, categorically speaking, Ford would rather you refer to it as something other than a minivan.

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Watching for cyclists? Your car may be too

Driving force. The clever radar system Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection is a godsend that will save lives

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In a collision between a car and a bicycle, the car is going to win every time. While several automakers have emergency braking or cruise control systems that can recognize other vehicles ahead, some can also identify cyclists, including the system from Volvo.

The system, called Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection with full auto brake, is able to identify the unique shape of someone on a bicycle ahead of the car. "It's a camera and radar-based system," says Martin Magnusson, senior engineer and function developer for Volvo Cars in Sweden. "It uses a camera to detect the bicycle and cyclist, and then it uses radar to confirm the detec-

Technological wonder

"It uses a camera to detect the bicycle and cyclist, and then it uses radar to confirm the detection. It will look for the characteristics of a human being, the head, arms and legs, and then it also detects that there is a bicycle."

Martin Magnusson, senior engineer and function developer for Volvo Cars in Sweden

tion. It will look for the characteristics of a human being, the head, arms and legs, and then it also detects that there is a bicycle." The system uses Volvo's Auto Brake, which will automatically apply the vehicle's brakes if it detects an imminent collision, and the driver ignores a warning and doesn't hit the brakes. At lower speeds, it can stop the car before it hits something.

At higher speeds, the car might not have enough time to stop completely, but the

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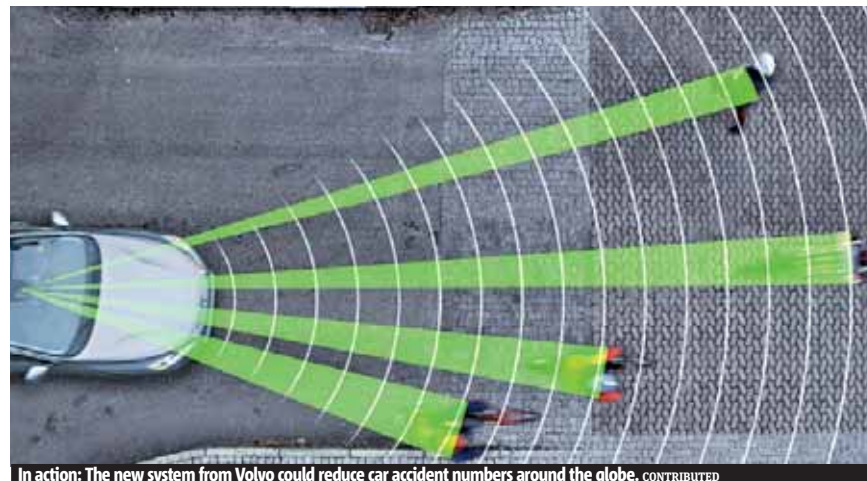
• **Launch.** Volvo launched its vehicle detection system in 2006, and added pedestrian detection, a more complex system, in 2010.

• **Stats.** According to CAA, some 7,500 cyclists are seriously injured in crashes each year in Canada, most of them during the afternoon rush hour.

• **Deadly locations.** The majority of cyclist deaths occur at intersections with lights or other traffic controls.

impact speed will be reduced. The chance of serious injury or death skyrockets as speed increases. It's estimated that a pedestrian hit by a car going 32 km/h has a five per cent chance of being killed, but if the car is going 64 km/h, the risk of fatality increases to 85 per cent.

"The system constantly monitors the traffic situation and does what we call select assessment," Magnusson says.



In action: The new system from Volvo could reduce car accident numbers around the globe. CONTRIBUTED

"It's a threat evaluation, (to see if) it's a dangerous situation or not. When there is a high risk of a collision with a bicycle, the system will warn with a red flashing light in the windshield and a warning sound. If the driver doesn't react, the system will automatically brake the vehicle."

Developing the system wasn't easy, since it has to be able to detect cyclists no mat-

ter what they are wearing, and in rain or bright sunshine. The system can also pick out motorcycles. At the moment, it can only detect cyclists that are riding in front of the car in the same direction, but engineers are working on identifying cyclists that ride across the car's path. In future, the system may also be able to identify and stop for large animals. "We are constantly looking at

new scenarios where people can be injured or killed, and we can work to add them," Magnusson says. According to CAA, some 7,500 cyclists are seriously injured in crashes each year in Canada, most of them during the afternoon rush hour.

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Ohai (\$4.99, iOS)

This is a slick travel journal app, which allows you to check in, post photos to social networks or keep them private, and keeps all your memories in what they call a digital book. It is easy to navigate and does look great, although there are a few caveats. At \$4.99 it is a little expensive, and it requires an App.net membership, which is like a central hub supporting many different app services, and is free to join, although there are paid tiers for more functionality. If you feel you already have enough social networks, this could understandably be a deal breaker.



Gas Buddy (Free, iOS & Android)

Gas Buddy (Free, iOS and Android): For more than just road trips, this is a great app that you can use to compare prices at gas stations based on your location. As the prices are crowd-sourced, you can sign up for a membership to the site and win points if you start engaging with the community, but you can skip it and just feel smart saving cash on fuel.



Road Trip Scavenger Hunt (\$0.99, iOS)

The game as old as the road gets a modern update with an app that helps keep the hours occupied when the miles are getting long. An iPhone-only app, you can set up the players' names to keep score and customize the game to hunt for words, objects or both. There's even a skip function, as when, say, "pig" comes up while you are in the middle of an urban area. The two selling points are coming up with things to look for and electronically keeping track of the scores for bragging rights later. Other game app options include Road Trip Bingo and Family Car Games, which offers instructions on more than 100 games that you can play on the road.



Hotel Tonight (Free, iOS & Android)

Sometimes we expect we'll make it farther on the road than we actually do, and when it's time to call it a night, we're in need of a last-minute hotel. Hotel Tonight is one of a number of apps that show deals on hotel rooms in the vicinity. It seems particularly good for cities, but we like that it's free and gives a good range of hotel options, from budget to swanky.



Drive Assist (\$2.99, iOS)

While plenty of cars are creating app-friendly dashboards — Ford and GM have opened theirs up to developers — if you have an older car, this iPad app is a neat all-in-one dashboard that might have you looking for a front seat iPad dock. It has a speedometer, compass, trip computer, maps and even a music player, all combined in a good-looking package.



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*Finance offers are now available on new 2013 Rogue S FWD (W6RG13 AA00), manual transmission/2014 Versa Note 1.6 S MT (B6RG54 AA00), manual transmission/2013 Altima Sedan 2.5 (T4LG13 AA00), CVT transmission. Selling Price is \$25,848/\$14,935/\$25,513. Discount is based on non-APR equal 84 monthly/182 bi-weekly payments of \$278/\$84/\$138 for an 84/84/84 month term. \$2,500/\$1,590/\$1,998 down payment required. Cost of borrowing is \$0/\$1,026/\$201/\$1,616.98 for a total obligation of \$25,848/\$14,935/\$25,513. Discount is based on non-APR equal 84 monthly/182 bi-weekly payments of \$278/\$84/\$138 for an 84/84/84 month term. \$2,500/\$1,590/\$1,998 down payment required. Cost of borrowing is \$0/\$1,026/\$201/\$1,616.98 for a total obligation of \$25,848/\$14,935/\$25,513. Discount is based on non-APR equal 84 monthly/182 bi-weekly payments of \$278/\$84/\$138 for an 84/84/84 month term. \$2,500/\$1,590/\$1,998 down payment required. 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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may have big plans and big expectations but keep a sense of perspective. If you let your enthusiasm race too far ahead, you may make a mistake that slows you right down again. Get the balance right.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You have what it takes to succeed but there is a touch of doubt in your mind that keeps you from giving your all. What happens today will remind you that doubt can be overcome.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are finding it hard to believe in yourself but it doesn't matter. What counts is that others believe in you, and they do. Take it easy today. You have nothing to prove.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone you meet socially will praise you to the skies and tell you what a fine human being you are but your intuition warns they are not to be trusted. It's a trick to lull you into a false sense of security.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

What you are worrying about is of no importance. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it seem as if the world is against you but it's not true.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone in a position of power will try to force you to do something you don't agree with today but they won't succeed. Stand your ground and refuse to do anything that does not meet your standards.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's good to be reminded of your limits and what happens over the next 24 hours will stop you in your tracks and balance out a mistake of some kind. Next time, don't go over the top so quickly.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Let your rivals and enemies have the last word today. The yapping they do has very little effect, so why waste your time reacting to it? Save your energy and put it to better use.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is nothing wrong with your plans but some people will find fault with them. Ignore the critics and carry on as you are. That will annoy them far more than if you get involved in a war of words.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Someone you have to deal with today won't be in the best of moods but don't let their negativity rub off on you. When they see that their doom and gloom act is having no effect they will give up on it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

According to the planets what other people tell you is "the truth" and what is really the truth are two different things. Take everything you are told today, especially by "experts", with a large pinch of salt.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

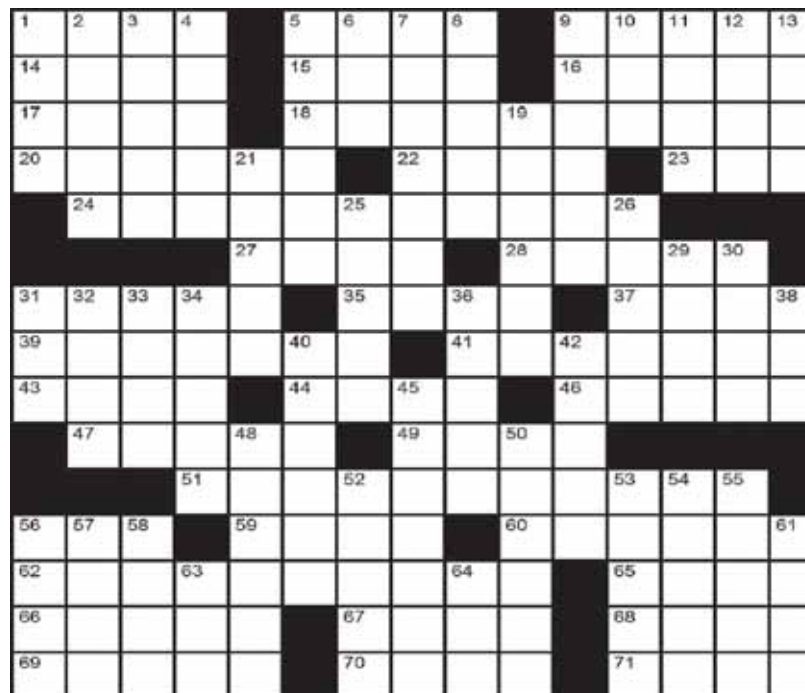
Try not to say anything that might be taken the wrong way by people who have the power to make life tough for you.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "Best Song ____" by One Direction
5. Cosmetic surgery procedure, commonly
9. Flavour
14. Cleave
15. "Walk Like ____" by The Four Seasons
16. Extreme
17. E-Mail junk
18. Montreal's Expo 67, for one: 2 wds.
20. Boredom
22. Nautical ropes
23. Driver's l'il navigation aid
24. Like #48-Down's roof
27. Chew at
28. Lone Star State resident
31. Dishonour
35. Michael Jackson's second wife, Debbie ____
37. Particular plant
39. Guernica artist
41. Skirt feature
43. Mr. Anthopoulos, Toronto Blue Jays GM
44. Village People hit
46. Furry mammal that can swim
47. Baseball base
49. Rock group's blasters
51. Chute ____ (Very high waterfall in Quebec)



56. Sibling to sis'
59. Equipment
60. Refuge
62. Video game series: 2 wds.
65. Create
66. Helicopter part
67. Biblical birthright trader
68. Some athletes, e.g.
69. MuchMusic tro-

- phies, commonly
70. Quebec singer Mr. Simard
71. Feathered farm females
Down
1. Once, poetically
2. Venomous snake
3. Sidestep
4. Send payment
5. Sheriff, for one
6. Texting point-of-

- view
7. Movie sequel installment: 2 wds.
8. Songbook standard: "It's ____ Paper Moon"
9. Skirmish
10. The planet Melmac alien
11. Male deer
12. Stumble
13. Sense organs

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- in Sumatra in Indonesia)
34. Men's magazine; or, saying
36. Classic toys company, ____
38. Always, in verse
40. Locale on Cape Breton Island
42. Ten Commandments receiver
45. Alberta city southeast of Edmonton
48. Toronto Blue Jays home, ____ Centre
50. Czech Republic capital
52. Giver's opposite
53. Mythical maiden
54. Ireland's County ____
55. ____ Gold (Type of potato)
56. Apartment listing abbr.
57. Leeway
58. According to a-ha, where the sun always shines: 2 wds.
61. Predicament
63. Tree in Hawaii
64. Grandma

Yesterday's Crossword

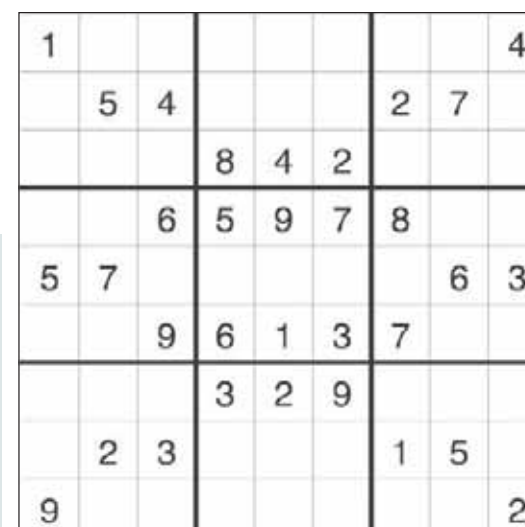


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Yesterday's Sudoku



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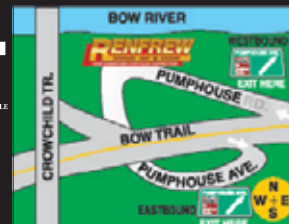
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